

**REQUEST  
for  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).*

Application Number	09/601,241
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Group Art Unit	2644
Examiner Name	Ping Lee
Attorney Docket Number	2000_0893A
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted:

- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply - The Second Amendment After Final submitted herewith is identical to the Amendment After Final filed on August 5, 2005, except that dependent claim 11 has been cancelled because claim 11 depended from cancelled claim 10, which was added to claim 8 in the August 5, 2005 Amendment After Final. The August 5, 2005 Amendment After Final was refused entry by the Examiner. Since the Second Amendment After Final is identical to the Amendment After Final for the foregoing reasons, it is improper for a first Office Action after the filing of this Request for Continued Examination to be made final.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for one-month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 910.00 enclosed

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